

House Resolution No. 4728

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge special events experienced by Show-Me State residents who have been blessed by exceptionally long and productive lives; and

Whereas, Arthur Berrier of Lee's Summit, Missouri, has renewed his special status as a Missouri Centenarian; and

Whereas, born on December 1, 1903, on the Harry H. and Julia Hawkins Berrier family farm near Carrollton, Arthur Berrier recently celebrated his One Hundred First Birthday with a gathering of family members; and

Whereas, after an enjoyable childhood filled with all types of educational and rewarding activities, Arthur Berrier established a family of his own through his joyful marriage to Esther Elizabeth Knierim who has loved and cherished him with all of her heart; and

Whereas, the marital union of Arthur and Esther Berrier has been blessed with two wonderful children, William Arthur "Bill" Berrier and Judith Anne "Judy" Marrs; grandchildren, Andrew Mills Berrier, Gerald Arthur Berrier, Joanna E. Bach, Jamie M. Marrs, and Jared William Marrs; and great-grandchildren, Peter Berrier, Stephanie Berrier, Jonathan Bach, and Joseph Bach; and

Whereas, Arthur Berrier down through the years farmed, worked on a road crew, owned a general store, served as a head custodian, and volunteered at John Knox Care Center and Lee's Summit Hospital; and

Whereas, a vibrant part of the twenty-first century, Arthur Berrier enjoys a life which encompassed most of the twentieth century with its first flights by heavier-than-air craft, worldwide turmoil associated with World War I and World War II, rise of the automobile as America's preferred mode of travel, demise of the Soviet Union as the Cold War drew to a close, and shift from a primarily agricultural economy to one dependent upon industry and then upon the service and information sectors; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri House of Representatives pauses to commemorate momentous events in the lives of such stellar citizens as Arthur Berrier:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the joyous arrival of the One Hundred First Birthday of Arthur Berrier and to convey to him this legislative body's heartiest congratulations upon attaining such a rare milestone in life and our best wishes for many more celebratory events in the future; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Arthur Berrier of Lee's Summit, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Mike Sager
District No. 48

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4728, adopted December 28, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker